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The last picture show

- Harvard Square theater closes its doors after 87 years
- AMC Loews known for midnight showings of 'Rocky Horror Picture Show'
- Loyal fans of cult classic give a fond farewell {page 02}

▶ One of the more subtly dressed fans files into the theater for the final showing of "The Rocky Horror Picture Show."

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Oh, the 'Horror'!

After 87 year run, Harvard Square theater shutters its doors for good

As Back Bay resident Julia Miller strolled by the AMC Loews Harvard Square in Cambridge, she noticed a message on the marquee above that said, "1925-2012 Thank you & good-bye."

Yesterday marked the tiny theater's final business day, which came as a surprise to Miller, and others who frequented the multiplex for their film fixes.

"This is such a bummer. Why are they closing?" Miller asked.

While the specific reasons are unclear, AMC Spokesman Ryan Noonan said the company continually strives to upgrade the quality of its theater circuit by adding new screens and disposing of old ones through closures and sales.

"We do, however, look at our theaters on an individual basis, and we have decided to sell the AMC Harvard Square 5," Noonan said.

In addition to new releases, the theater hosted a showing of "The Rocky Horror Picture Show" every Saturday at midnight, a tradition that has gone strong since 1984, when the showings moved from Boston's Exeter Street Theater.

The screening was accompanied by a live performance by FullBodyCast, a rotating group of actors who performed along with the film.

"We have our regulars who are there every week without fail," said Gary Greenbaum, assistant director of "The Rocky Horror Picture Show."

1,500

Roughly the amount of Saturday nights that the theater has shown "The Rocky Horror Picture Show" since 1984.

"They love it because its fun, it's different and it's not a mainstream crowd. If you have trouble finding places to fit in, "Rocky" is a good place to fit in."

Greenbaum estimated that about 10 percent of the crowd showed up dressed like the film's iconic characters, and another 10 percent came decked out in their own brand of risque attire.

Fans of the cult classic showed up in full force at the last show Saturday night, which sold out 500 seats.

The show wrapped up about 3 a.m., Greenbaum said, with loyal fans of the cult classic choosing to linger behind as the credits rolled and the cast blasted Journey's "Don't Stop Believing."

"It was very sad. The entire audience stayed and sang it with us — 500 people just standing, singing," Greenbaum said.

But it's not all sad news for those fans, because the show will go on at AMC Loews Boston Common 19.

The first performance will be on Aug. 4 at 12:30 a.m.

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▶ A costumed fan signs a poster on display at Saturday night's last showing of "Rocky Horror."

▶ Fans lined up outside the theater Saturday night.

"People love the show, they're sad to see it go. Not that it's going for good, but they've been going to this theater for 28 years. For them, it's the end, because for them, this was 'Rocky.'"

ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF THE ROCKY HORROR PICTURE SHOW GARY GREENBAUM ON THE CLOSURE OF THE THEATER, AND ITS FUTURE AT THE BOSTON COMMON THEATER

A look back

- When the theater opened, it had an asbestos fire curtain that showed a scene of George Washington crossing the Delaware, and a loge section with wicker rocking chairs and velvet cushions.
- In the 1950s and 1960s, the theater was known as an art house, hosting special screenings and double features. Alfred Hitchcock screened "Torn Curtain" there, and directors like Sidney Lumet and Woody Allen have also used the theater.
- Concerts began in the 1960s, with legendary musicians like David Bowie, Iggy Pop, The Clash and Bob Dylan.

(Source: Cinematreasures.org)

In the news

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Two is the number of propane tanks four Boston residents allegedly threw from the roof deck of an apartment building at 17 Parker St. early Saturday morning.

Officers arrested Thomas Duff, 21, Joseph Miskewicz, 22, Sean Bonanno, 21, and Vincent Nguyen, 21, and charged all four with being disorderly, resisting arrest, assault by means of a dangerous weapon and the willful and malicious destruction of property.

The men also threw a wooden chair and several bottles at a traffic officer, police said. METRO

Today's local tweet

"Drama in #copley square. Some dudes just threw some chick's stuff in the fountain. Chick accused of stealing cigs from dudes."

@GAVRIIL42, NOTICING SOME LESS-THAN-CLASSY ACTIVITY IN COPLEY SQUARE YESTERDAY

News in brief

Rep. arrested for assault, kidnapping

BOSTON. State Rep. Carlos Henriquez was arrested early Sunday morning and charged with domestic assault and kidnapping, according to the Boston Police Department.

Henriquez, 35, and the alleged victim were in an argument that escalated into a physical altercation inside Henriquez's car while on Forsyth Street around 4:30 a.m., police said. The unidentified woman left the car and alerted a Northeastern University police officer.

Henriquez represents Dorchester and Roxbury. METRO

▶ Henriquez

Barney Frank gets hitched

NETWON. Congressman Barney Frank married his longtime partner, Jim Ready, Saturday in a ceremony officiated by Gov. Deval Patrick, according to the Boston Globe.

A spokesman told the Globe that Frank, 72, and Ready, 42, tied the knot at the Boston Mariott hotel in Newton around 6:30 p.m. in front of more than 300 friends, family and colleagues.

The marriage makes Frank, who represents the 4th Congressional District, the first sitting U.S. Congressman to enter into a same-sex marriage. METRO

Man arrested in reported standoff

BOSTON. Police yesterday evening arrested a man who reportedly entered a Gayland Street apartment building with a gun.

Few details were available as of press time, but tactical units were called in after it was initially believed the man took hostages.

The man was arrested nearby at 6 Wildwood Street just before 6 p.m., and no hostages were found. METRO

Deval signs $32.5 billion budget

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▶ Gov. Deval Patrick

Eight days after the start of the fiscal year, Gov. Deval Patrick yesterday signed a $32.5 billion state budget that vetoes $32.1 million in spending.

"We were able to do this by making some tough but necessary decisions and working hard to do more with less," Patrick said.

The budget raises state aid for public schools by 4.5 percent and relies on $700 million in health care cost savings to stay balanced, according to the State House News Service.

Patrick vetoed $10 million of a proposed $20 million human services salary reserve, $10 million for the probation department, $5.1 million to continue operating Taunton State Hospital, $3.5 million for a school district reserve, $400,000 for a State Police benefits fraud unit and $3.1 million in earmarks, according to the News Service.

The budget supports spending with $350 million from the state's reserve account, leaving the rainy day fund with a projected balance of $1.28 billion.

Following the budget signing yesterday, Patrick said he will support a sales tax holiday weekend in August, and that he will propose a way to pay for it "that doesn't put any more pressure on an already tight fiscal year budget."

Patrick took the full 10 days the law allows him to review legislation. The Legislature must now consider his amendments and whether to override any spending vetoes.

Quoted

"We were able to do this by making some tough but necessary decisions and working hard to do more with less."

GOV. DEVAL PATRICK, ON THE BUDGET YESTERDAY

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Employers not rattled yet by US 'fiscal cliff'

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▶ Whatever the political outcome, some believe employers will show increased nervousness as the year advances.

American employers are keeping their fingers crossed that politicians will steer away from a "fiscal cliff" of major tax hikes and spending cuts in early 2013 — and, so far at least, have not gone back to a defensive recession-mode.

Executives are prepared to reduce hiring or staffing if need be, but they say they are counting on the U.S. Congress to strike a last-minute deal.

"If they do go off the fiscal cliff, I'll immediately see my [sales] pipeline turn, and that's what we base our hiring decisions on," said Stephen Gray, chief executive officer at Gray Construction, an engineering, design and construction firm in Kentucky with 437 employees.

"But I don't see that bothering me until after it happens," Gray said in an interview from Lexington. "That may be a problem on Jan. 2."

80K

Hiring was dismal for a fourth straight month in June, with non-farm payrolls expanding by just 80,000.

Less than six months away, the threat of big tax rises and spending cuts scheduled for January poses a new risk to the economy and struggling U.S. labor market.

In Washington and on Wall Street, warnings about a potentially huge hit to growth are growing louder as election campaigning effectively blocks any new legislation until after the Nov. 6 poll. **REUTERS**

Virus could black out 250,000 PCs

BOSTON. About a quarter-million computer users around the world are at risk of losing Internet access today because of malicious software at the heart of a hacking scam that U.S. authorities shut down last November.

Some blogs and news reports hyped the outage risk, warning of a potential "blackout" and describing the Alureon malware as the "Internet Doomsday" virus.

Yet experts said only a tiny fraction of computer users were at risk, and Internet providers would be on call to quickly restore service.

They said they considered the threat to be small compared with more-prevalent viruses such as Zeus and SpyEye, which infect millions of PCs and are used to commit financial fraud. **REUTERS**

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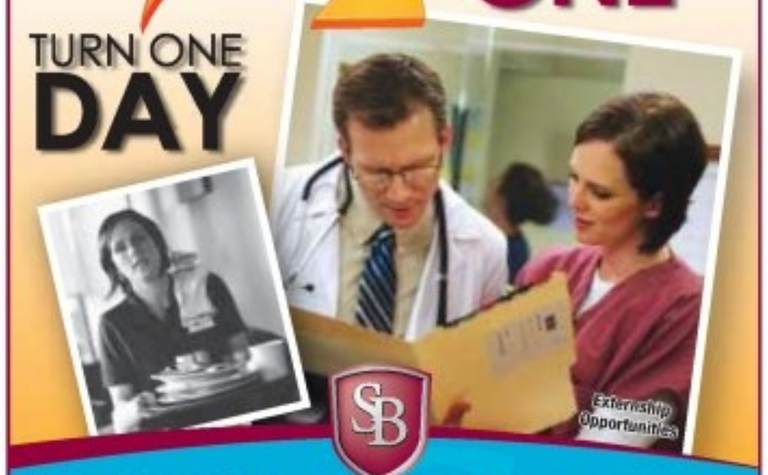
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Obama invites Egypt's Islamist leader to US

CAIRO. President Barack Obama has invited Egypt's newly elected Islamist president, Mohamed Mursi, to visit the United States in September, an Egyptian official said yesterday, reflecting the new ties Washington is cultivating with the region's Islamists.

Washington, long wary of Islamists and an ally of ousted President Hosni Mubarak, shifted policy last year to open formal contacts with the Muslim Brotherhood, the group behind Mursi's win. Mursi formally resigned from the group after his victory. **REUTERS**

Putin seeks answers after deadly floods in Russia

GELENDZHIK, RUSSIA. Russian President Vladimir Putin ordered investigators to find out whether local officials could have done more to prevent floods killing 150 people in southern Russia after flying to the region to handle the first big disaster of his new presidency.

Putin, who was criticized for his slow reaction to disasters earlier in his career, has promised money for new homes for victims of the worst flooding in decades in Krasnodar, a prosperous region with thriving agriculture and tourism.

Most of the victims drowned. Many were elderly people caught unawares as they slept when water swept through their homes after two months' average rainfall fell in a night. **REUTERS**

Libyans hail vote as start of 'freedom era'

MOHAMMED ABED/AFP/GETTY IMAGES

▶ A Libyan man reads a newspaper yesterday, the day after the country went to the polls in the eastern city of Benghazi.

Nine months after Muammar Gaddafi's death at the hands of rebels, Libya has defied fears it would descend into violence by pulling off a largely peaceful election, its first national and free vote in 60 years.

Libyans, many of whom had cast their ballot with tears in their eyes, hailed Saturday's poll as a chance to draw a line under Gaddafi's dictatorship and forge a brighter future for their North African country.

While two deaths were reported as anti-election protesters sought to disrupt the vote, the mood was jubilant with revelers in Tripoli letting off firecrackers and locals in the eastern city of Benghazi sending up rocket-propelled grenades.

"Allahu akbar, this is the freedom era — for the first time, Sirte is free."
CHANTED A LOCAL WOMAN AS SHE CELEBRATED WITH HER FAMILY

Even in Gaddafi's hometown of Sirte, which saw some of the worst fighting in last year's uprising to end his 42-year rule, there was relief that the vote had gone smoothly.

The interim Libyan government and Western backers of last year's revolution, which relied on NATO bombing for support, called it an early triumph for democracy.

"The United States is proud of the role that we played in supporting the Libyan revolution and protecting the Libyan people, and we look forward to working closely with the new Libya," U.S. President Barack Obama said in a statement. **REUTERS**

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Mezirow based his research on adult women returning to college, and transformative learning remains a foundational concept of adult education today. But over the last 30 years, the theory has been increasingly applied to psychological counseling situations.

This month, Information Age Publishing will release what is, perhaps, the first attempt to integrate both counselor and teacher perspectives in one book: "Pathways to Transformation: Learning in Relationship."

"The idea of 'transformative learning' brings up lots of difficult questions for professors: How do you structure a learning experience that might make a student uncomfortable but not alienate that student?" says Carrie J. Boden, who, with Sola M. Kippers, edited the new book. "Counselors have a lot of experience in negotiating that very situation, so we wanted to foster that conversation."

With contributions from over 20 leading counselors and educators, "Pathways" is an attempt to shift the "transformative" conversation toward a more holistic, campus-wide approach.

"For us, it's about interconnectedness: the way a student interacts with the literature, professors, life experiences, virtual worlds," says Boden. "That's why 'relationship' is in the title. How do we have the kinds of relationships with students that create possibilities for transformation?"

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Tom Cruise doesn't want to play games

While the rest of the world hid in the air conditioning, soon-to-be-exes **Tom Cruise** and **Katie Holmes** took the opportunity to sneak into their lawyers' offices over the weekend. It seems the couple are hoping to work out a settlement before their scheduled July 17 showdown in court, which is shaping up to be the summer harvest of hungry gossip columns everywhere.

While Holmes noisily filed for divorce and sole custody of daughter **Suri**, Cruise's side isn't letting much slip as far as strategy. "It's not Tom's style to do this publicly. He is really sad about what's happening," his lawyer, **Bert Fields**, tells BBC News. "We are letting 'the other side' play the media until they wear everyone out, and then we'll have something to say."

Of course, Team Cruise is totally "playing the media" with a statement like this, but sure, we'll bite. Not only is it amazingly passive-aggressive — our favorite flavor of aggressive over here — but we're sick of watching Katie Holmes parade around Whole Foods in chirpy little sundresses. Lady, if you're going to pretend you're being hunted by the scary Scientologists, at least wear sneakers.

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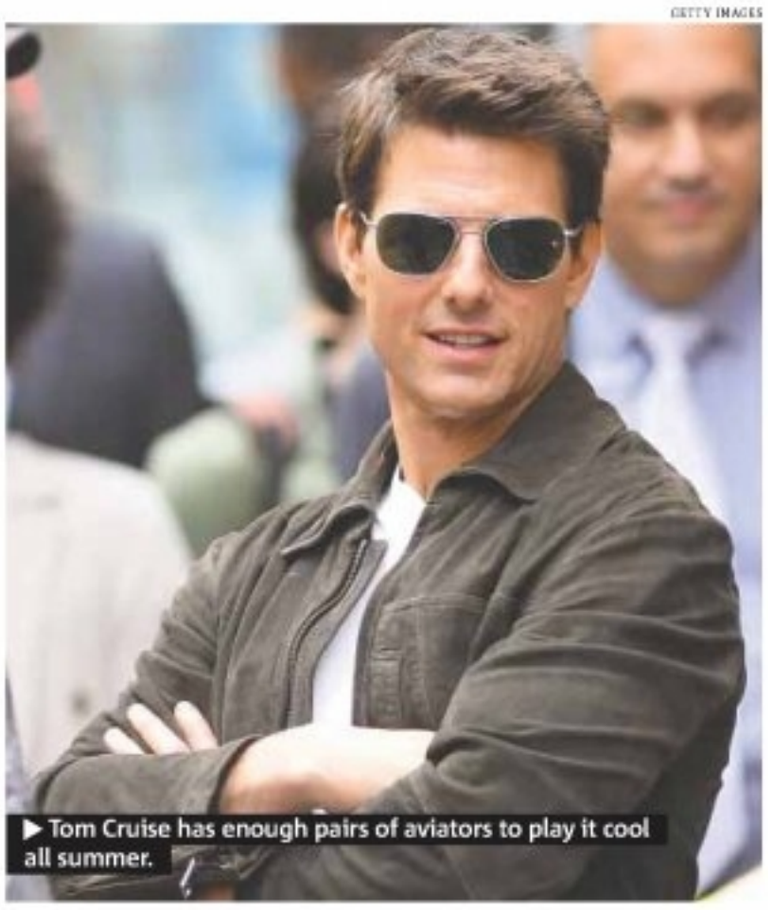

▶ Tom Cruise has enough pairs of aviators to play it cool all summer.

Humphries stands alone

It seems everyone has had enough of **Kris Humphries**. After reports that his **Kim Kardashian** rebound, ex-girlfriend **Myla Sinanaj**, is pregnant, his publicist dropped him as a client.

"They went different ways because Kris was becoming too much to handle. These stories about him [dating] girls would pop up [in the press], and he'd deny it — then it would turn out to be true," a source tells Life & Style. "Kris tries to put on this innocent, good-hearted image, but as you get to know him, it just doesn't turn out to be true."

Unfortunately, being a scheming drama queen won't get you fired from this page. Kris, buddy, we'll check in tomorrow.

Want to hang with Gwen Stefani?

After fellow celebs **George Clooney** and **Sarah Jessica Parker** invited the **Obama** campaign over for a party, **Gwen Stefani** is hosting a "Family Fun Day" at her home with **Michelle Obama**. For $1,000, a family of four can head over to enjoy some "child-friendly campaign fun" at her L.A. mansion on Aug. 12.

Does this include playing dress-up with her No Doubt wardrobe? If so, completely worth it — and dibs on that polka dot "Don't Speak" dress, you sticky little patriots.

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▶ Checking in with some of Hollywood's biggest names to see what they've been up to — in their own words, in 140 characters or fewer.

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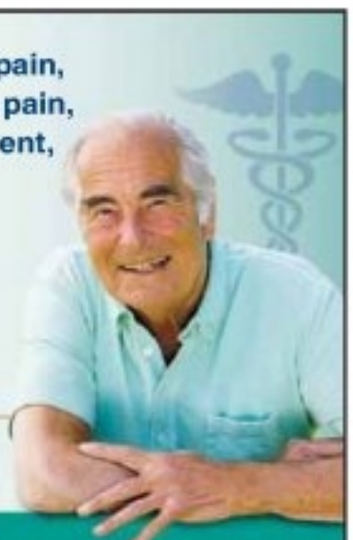

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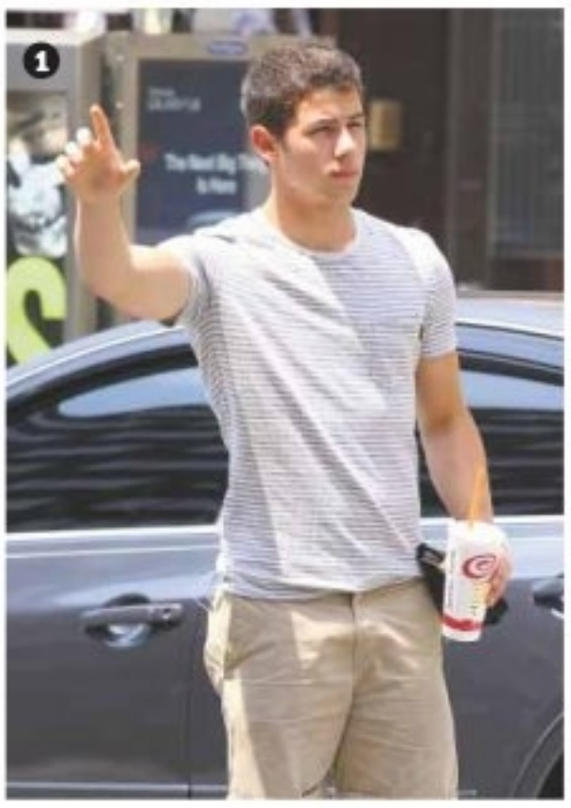

Rachel McAdams is pregnant — in her new movie, at least

1. Nick Jonas acted like he was a regular human being by hailing a cab in New York City on Saturday.

2. Nicki Minaj performed at Barclaycard Wireless Festival in London on Saturday. What do Brits think of the Brit accent she affects in her songs? Discuss this with the person next to you on the train.

3. "Hey man, I played bass in a kickass band for a while too!" Nirvana's **Krist Novoselic** and **Duff McKagan** (Guns N' Roses, Velvet Revolver, Loaded) greeted each other at the CBGB Festival in New York City on Saturday. Just 20 years ago, their singers, **Kurt Cobain** and **Axl Rose**, respectively, exchanged fightin' words. What a difference two decades make.

4. Rachel McAdams has gotta carry that weight. She was spotted crossing Abbey Road in London yesterday while filming a scene in the upcoming film "About Time." Word is that she isn't really pregnant, she's just playing a pregnant woman (or a really lousy shoplifter).

5. The honor belonged to director, writer and producer **Christopher Nolan**, who immortalized his hand and footprints in front of Grauman's Chinese Theatre in Hollywood on Saturday, but our eyes were on cute little pixie **Anne Hathaway**. Hey girl! Lookin' good!

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Developing a healthy body image: It can be done

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▶ Hanging out with nonjudgmental friends can help make your beach day a whole lot happier. For Gabby's free body-love meditation, visit www.gabbyb.tv/body.

This past weekend, sitting on the beach, I heard the clicking of a camera. I looked up and realized that my friend had snapped a funky-angled picture of me in a bikini. My knee-jerk reaction was to wrestle the camera out of her hands and delete the photo. In that moment, all of my old body image issues resurfaced before my eyes.

Getting into a bathing suit can be traumatic, but we must face these feelings in order to enjoy the summer. To help you overcome your own insecurities, I've outlined three steps for a healthy beach body image.

Looking hot is an inside job: We all come in different and unique packages. Accepting what you have is a key component to a healthy body image. Take time to focus on the good stuff and celebrate what you love about your body. Think of the strength in your legs that allows them to climb the steps to the train each morning, or those arms that can steadily juggle groceries and a baby. If you embrace the gifts you've been given, you'll focus less on what you think you don't have. The sexiest people exude inner beauty and confidence. The more comfortable you are with what you have, the happier you will feel and the more attractive you will become.

Beach in good company: One of the best ways to feel confident in your bathing suit is to be around people who make you feel good about yourself. Kind, nonjudgmental friends will make you feel safe — regardless of how little you may be wearing.

Get moving

Whenever I do some kind of exercise before heading to the beach, I always feel more confident in my bikini. Not only does physical exercise immediately tone your body, it also makes you feel great about yourself. If you tend to be uncomfortable getting into your bathing suit, make sure to get in some exercise before you hit the beach.

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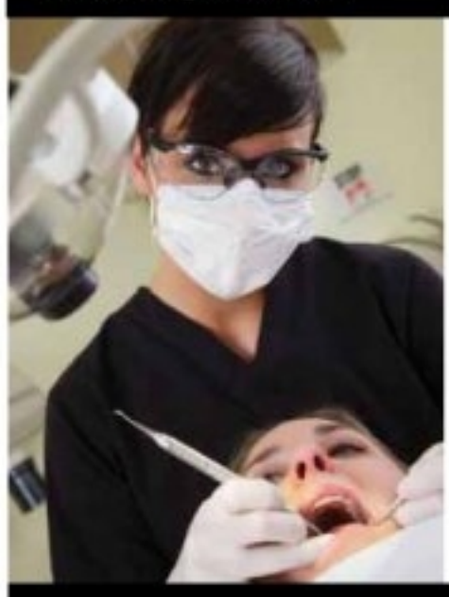

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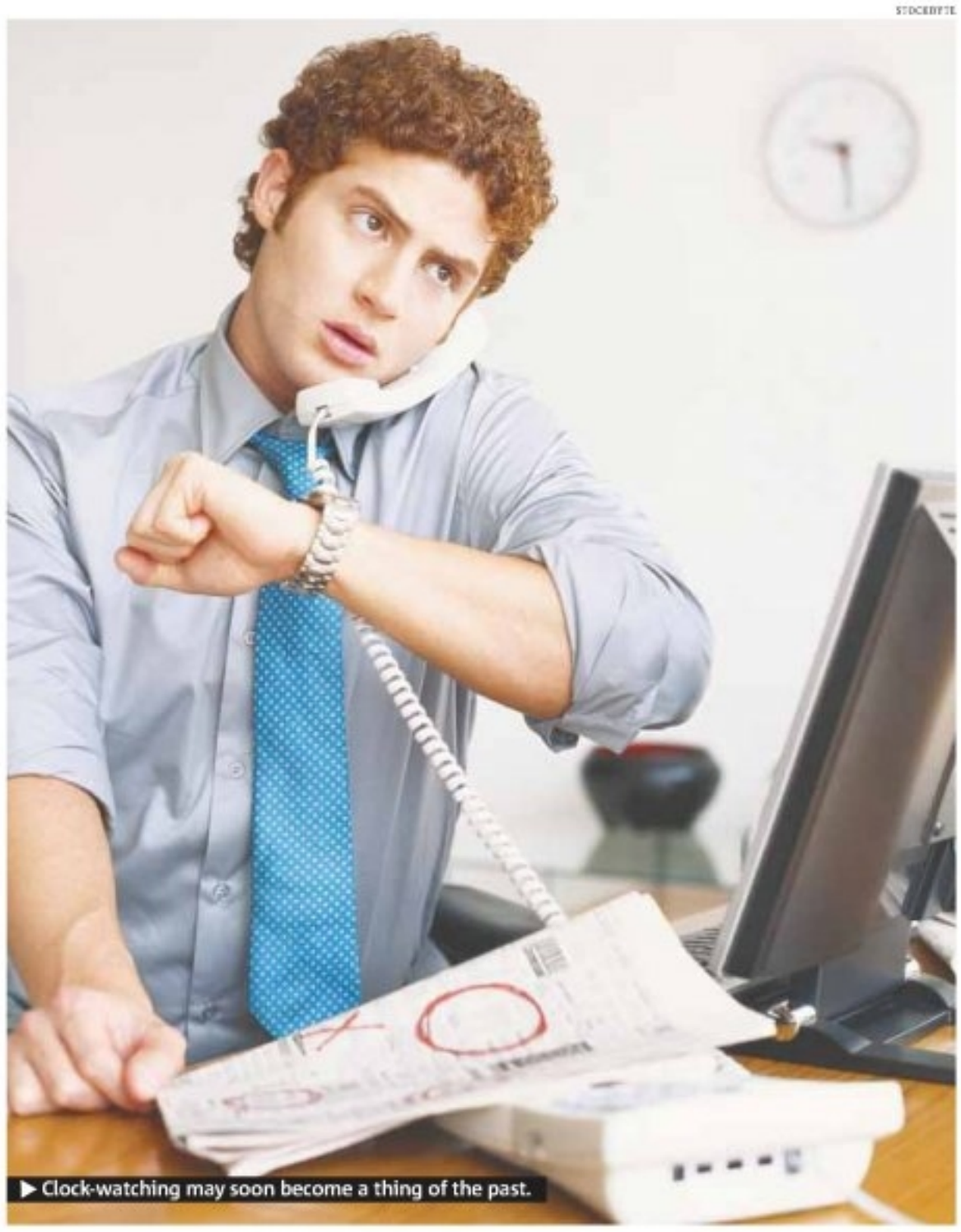

▶ Clock-watching may soon become a thing of the past.

Advice

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Gone are the days when you clock in at 9 a.m. and then leave the office at 5 p.m. Work has been embedded in our personal lives through technology and economic pressures. I don't have a single friend who works a typical workday schedule anymore, and you probably don't either. A new study by Mozy proves that workplace flexibility is on the rise. It found that 73 percent of bosses have a relaxed attitude to timekeeping because employees are already working beyond the typical 9 to 5 day. One-fifth of employees have already checked their work e-mail by 7 a.m., and the average employee has already spent up to 46 minutes working before he or she comes to the office.

The study also found that the average employee arrives at the office at around 8:18 a.m. and leaves at 5:48 p.m., but doesn't stop working then. Employees are usually still working until about 7:19 p.m., checking their e-mail to see if their boss has messaged them. Due to this flexibility, 15 percent of managers think it's acceptable to call employees after work, up to 9 p.m.

Instead of working eight hours per day, employees are working upwards of 12 hours a day through their use of technology. This may explain why employers are more tolerant of employees showing up late: The average manager is OK with an employee coming in 37 minutes late. The report also showed that managers are more accepting of employees taking longer lunches (48 percent) and carrying out personal activities at work (21 percent).

This research shouldn't make you lazy. If you stay at the office longer and are focused during work hours, you'll be more successful. If you try and take workplace flexibility for granted, you might find yourself out of a job. In the future, I predict that companies will focus more on results than on time spent at the office. It won't matter if you work from home or if you put only 20 hours in a week, as long as you're achieving high-quality results.

*– **Dan Schawbel** is the founder of Millennial Branding, a Gen-Y research and consulting company. Subscribe to his updates at Facebook.com/DanSchawbel.*

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▶ Boston-based personal stylist SooJin K. Chu helps clients dress for success.

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Finding a work wardrobe that actually works for you

SooJin K. Chu is the founder of Swagger & Glide (www.swaggerandglide.com), a Boston-based personal shopper/fashion consultant company. Chu specializes in customizing wardrobes to specific professional environments while incorporating the personal tastes of her clients.

What's the first thing you address when working on a client's professional wardrobe?
Most people don't realize that the way your clothes fit is a huge part of how you're perceived by others. If the shoulders of your suit are ridiculously big, you're giving the impression that you don't belong in it — like you borrowed your dad's suit. So I work a lot with my clients on making sure the clothes you have on really do fit you and your body type.

How do you balance feeling like yourself — especially in the case of creative people — and fitting into a business environment?
Sometimes people want to hold on to how they dress as their own creative outlet. And I encourage that in small doses: a fun tie or suspenders instead of a belt, or an unusual pair of socks. But, especially with first impressions, nobody ever says, "This person looks too professional for this setting."

Is there a purpose to dressing for work, beyond just getting the job and looking professional?
Oh yes. For starters, if you make yourself stand out in a work environment that creates a subconscious reaction in others: You feel less approachable to them. At the same time, you don't want to feel like you've lost your personality. You want to let yourself think outside of the box. It's a constant balance.

What to buy

Personal stylist SooJin K. Chu recommends the following for a professional wardrobe starter closet:

- **MEN:** Total budget: $3,000, including one amazing suit ($600-$800), a pair of terrific shoes, eight dress pants and a lot of really good shirts
- **WOMEN:** Total budget: $2,500, including six dress pants, three to four skirts, three jackets and "a whole mess of blouses."

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Billing Clerk – This renown hospital in Boston is seeking a savvy billing clerk with solid working knowledge of Microsoft Office applications, excellent communication, customer service and organizational skills. The position requires 2+ years experience. Primary responsibilities will include processing bills, preparing journal entries of adjustments to billings, communicating with internal departments on discrepancies, and billing and claims denials. If you are a motivated go-getter with a goal oriented attitude – this job is for you! $13-$18/hour.

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Another prince for America?

In Mitt Romney, we may see the succession of another prince from America's aristocracy. This time, let's ask tough, probing questions and get specific answers to see if we are getting a man of character and substance or a beneficiary of inherited privilege, social connections and vast investments with potential for conflict of interests. He looks polished, but is he honed to be sharp as a razor, strong as steel and, yet, still have compassion for us all? **GLENN HAYES, VIA E-MAIL**

Wage, wage against the dying of the light

Even though I support Obamacare, I still do not understand why Obama is not touching the issue of minimum wage which has been at $7.25 an hour at the federal level for quite some time now. Is Mr. President withholding our rights to a wage increase and doing us a favor by promoting the Obamacare? We do not need a favor, but rather what is our due right. Another issue, Mr. President, please, check on all organizations that do keep their employees for years working as "on calls" and not enrolling them in the union. This will assist you in selling the idea of your Obamacare. Now to Mr. Mitt Romney, all you talk about is you can do better than Obama, what have said so far about this wage issue while the landlords keep hiking the rent money. Do you think $7.25 multiplied by 40 hours can pay off the rent, light and medical bills of an America worker? Do the homework, Mr. President and Mr. Romney. I am a Democrat, but I do not condone playing games with voters when November is approaching. **IBRAHIM MAMMAN, VIA E-MAIL**

The naked, er, pants-less truth

RE: 'LEGENDS OF DEATH PANELS NEVER DIE': Winston Churchill famously observed: "A lie gets halfway around the world before the truth has a chance to get its pants on." Last Friday, Joseph Dupont proved this right by getting hysterical over the silly (and transparently false) notion of "governement death panels." His hysteria, sadly, is simply an example of how dysfunctional our politics have become. **JOSEPH CONNELL, VIA E-MAIL**

Burning as hot as a Foreman grill

RE: 'IS IT HOT ENOUGH FOR YOU?': Tom Foreman ends his article on the election with the words, "A lot of voters are feeling burned." I know I do. Burned, in particular, by the outright lie coming from Republican attacks that the "private sector" — meaning corporations — are suffering. After Obama went out on a limb to save banks and car companies, and executives gave themselves the usual huge bonuses, and in light of the enormous amount of money they have to smear those dishonest ads over every screen of every TV in existence, they're hurting? Give me a break!! Yes, it gets me hot — as hot as the weather these days. **PAUL SIMONS, VIA E-MAIL**

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Horoscope

♋ Cancer **June 21-July 22.** Insisting that everyone do things your way will create a reaction opposite of what you hope to achieve. Applying poor tactics will defeat your purposes and desires.

♌ Leo **July 23-Aug. 22.** Holding a grudge against someone with whom you've recently exchanged testy words will serve no useful purpose, and it could be to your detriment. If you can't forgive, you should at least try to forget.

♍ Virgo **Aug. 23-Sept. 22.** There's a chance you're likely to believe that you're operating from a position of strength, when in reality you could be cruising for a bruising. Be cautious with all of your financial affairs.

♎ Libra **Sept. 23-Oct. 23.** If you and your mate are more temperamental than usual, it is vital that neither of you bring up an issue that would ignite an old argument.

♏ Scorpio **Oct. 24-Nov. 22.** Left to your own devices, you'll be effectively industrious. But if you're closely supervised, the reverse might be the case. Then, you'll be tempted to provoke your observer to ill effect.

♐ Sagittarius **Nov. 23-Dec. 21.** If you allow yourself to be open to peer pressure, you'll likely be encouraged to do something against your best interests. Be your own person.

♑ Capricorn **Dec. 22-Jan. 19.** There is no need for you to kowtow to someone whose reputation is more symbolic than authoritative. Don't let titles unduly impress you.

♒ Aquarius **Jan. 20-Feb. 19.** Don't waste your time with heated discussion about a topic in which neither you nor your adversary are well versed. Likely, you're both wrong.

♓ Pisces **Feb. 20-March 20.** Take care in joint money matters when dealing with friends. If the accounts aren't adding up right or are being handled incompetently, someone will end up being very angry.

♈ Aries **March 21-April 19.** If you can, disengage yourself from having anything to do with a demanding person. You're not likely to have the continued patience it would take to deal with him or her.

♉ Taurus **April 20-May 20.** Be careful not to create complications where none should exist when doing your thing. The inclination could be there to create unnecessary problems.

♊ Gemini **May 21-June 20.** If you're smart, you'll keep betting out of the picture when involved in activities that contain elements of friendly competition. Once stakes are introduced, the fun will end.

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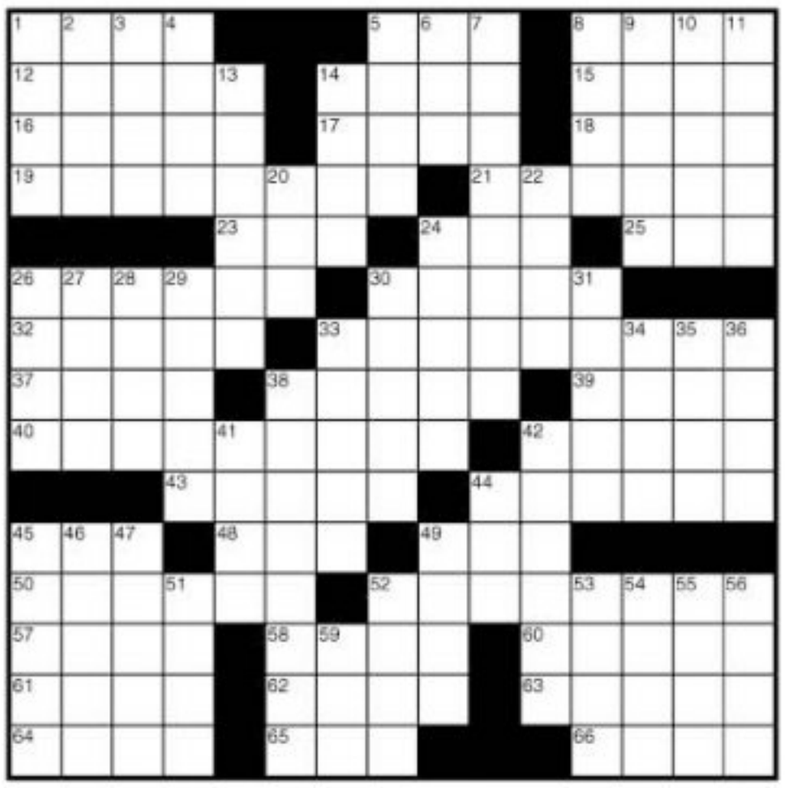

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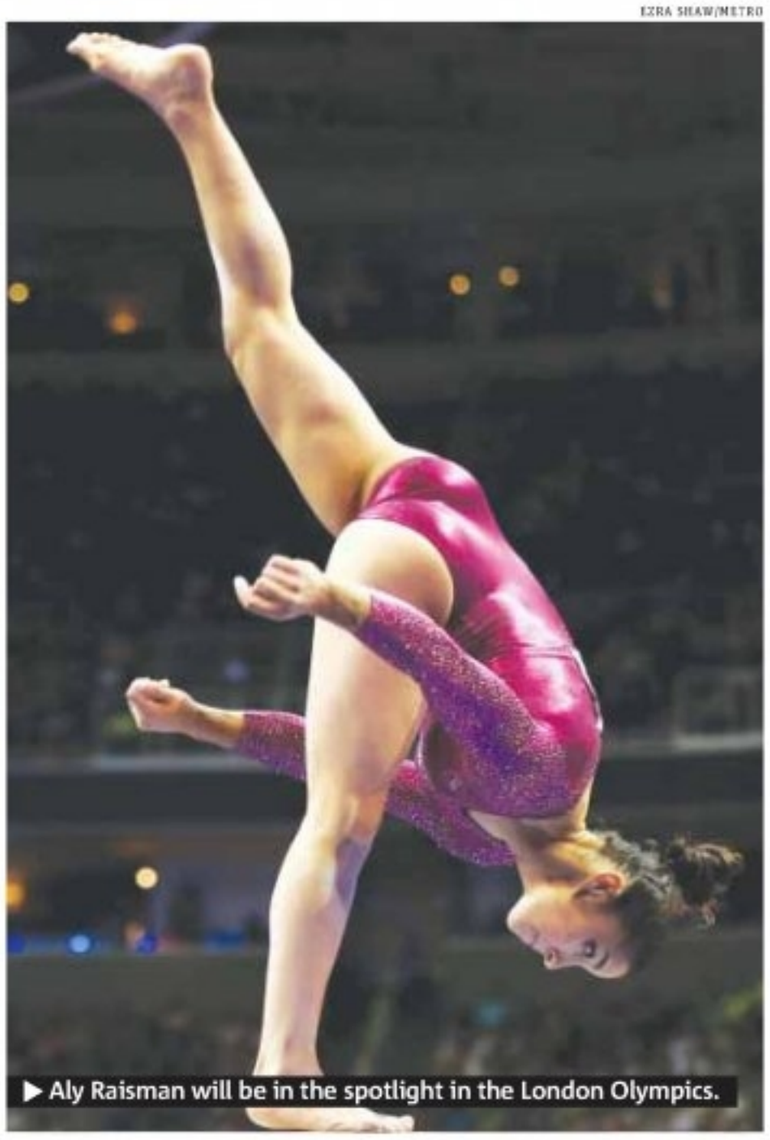

Aly Raisman will be in the spotlight in the London Olympics.

It's been an Olympic-sized 10 months for Needham's Aly Raisman, but the journey has been well worth it.

On July 1, Raisman was chosen to represent the United States in the 2012 Olympics for the women's gymnastics team, a goal set and accomplished after a lifetime of training but perhaps less than a year of realistic possibility.

Her rise happened fast: A torn Achilles to reigning Olympian Alicia Sacramone in Tokyo before the World Championships in October thrust Raisman into a leadership role — a role that she shined in. Because of her efforts and that of the team's, they won gold.

A month later, she turned down a scholarship from the University of Florida, instead electing to turn pro and sign with the same agent that represents Olympic heroes Michael Phelps and Apolo Anton Ohno.

Her already intense training regimen at Brestyan's American Gymnasium in Burlington — six days a week, double sessions — picked up even more.

Comcast SportsNet special projects producer Torey Champagne has been exclusively videographing Raisman's every vault, flip, and tumble since October 2011 all the way to Raisman being named to the Olympic team. Through her ups and downs, he's seen the way she's grown since production began.

"She's been a solid gymnast [her whole life], but kind of lingered in the background," Champagne said to Metro Boston of Raisman. "But her performance in Tokyo really solidified her as a top contender to make the Olympic Team. Upon her return home after that, it was a whirlwind. Athletes just reach that level when they figure it out and start to peak. And she peaked hard when she came back. Going forward, it was a steady progression."

She placed top three in four more major competitions over the coming months including a "Sports Woman of the Year" award voted on by her peers in the 2012 Visa Championships in June.

But there were occasional bumps along the way — bumps that Raisman says she has to brush off in order to succeed at an Olympic level.

"Gymnastics definitely forces me to grow up and be more mature just because I am dealing with so many emotions," Raisman said in preparation of Champagne's documentary on the gymnast. "One minute I'm happy, and the next if you fall on a turn you're upset, so you really have to grow up and suck it up and know what you want in the sport."

Raisman knows what she wants now — Olympic gold. It's how she put herself in the position to achieve it though that's fascinating to watch.

"Aly Raisman: Quest for Gold" airs in a three-part series on Comcast SportsNet New England starting tonight at 8 p.m. and concluding on Wednesday.

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A look at several other 2012 female Olympians with ties to the Hub:

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- **Kristin Hedstrom** Born in Boston, rowing standout
- **Esther Lofgren** Another rower, this one from Harvard
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Courtney Lee

Celtics turn attention to adding Lee

With Ray Allen bolting to Miami and starting shooting guard Avery Bradley doubtful to start the season healthy, the Celtics are in the market for another 2-guard.

Multiple outlets reported Boston's interest in the Western Kentucky product yesterday. The swingman averaged 11.4 ppg for the Rockets last season. Lee has also played for New Jersey and was drafted by Orlando in 2008 (No. 22 overall pick). METRO

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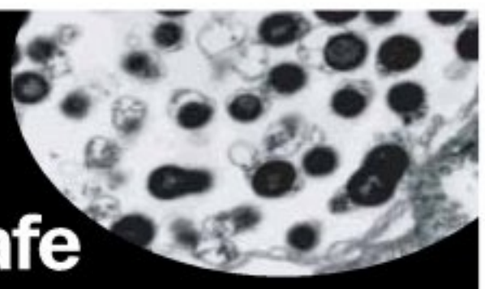

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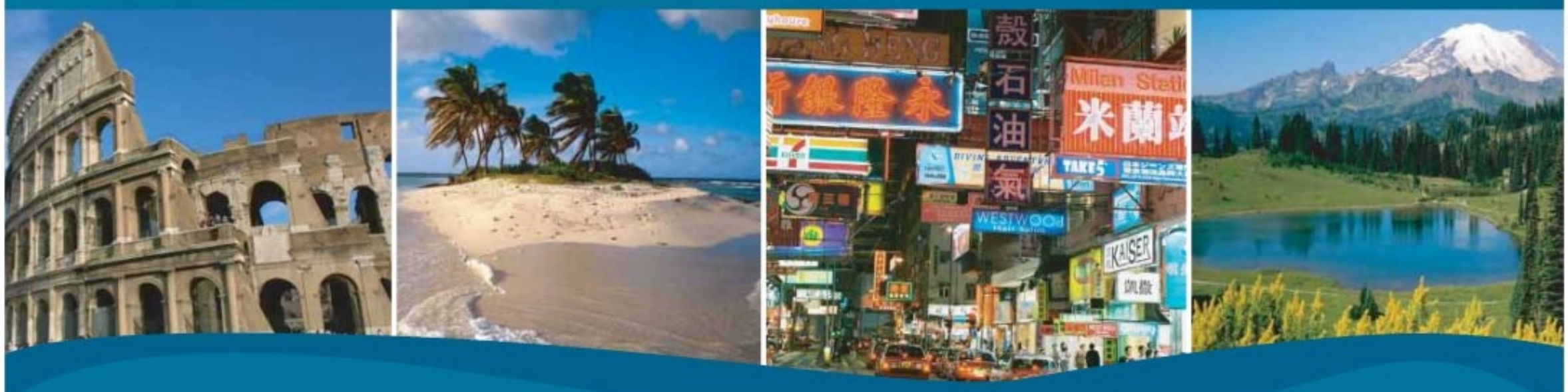

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